

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, 6 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus having a communication function, comprising:

a first switching means for switching device adapted to switch between first and second communication modes of the communication function a power save wireless communication mode and an active wireless communication mode;

a second switching means for switching device adapted to switch between first and second state modes a normal stand-by mode and a power save stand-by mode of the apparatus in accordance with the switching by said first switching means device;

returning means for responding to an inquiry about a state of said apparatus from another apparatus to which the apparatus is to be connected by the communication function a notifying task adapted to notify a state of said apparatus to another apparatus in response to an inquiry from the other apparatus; and

an execution means for executing task adapted to selectively execute a first process of notifying the inquiry from the another apparatus to said returning means notifying task, and for executing a second process of generating an inquiry about the state of said apparatus in place of the inquiry by the [[an]] other apparatus, and for notifying the generated inquiry to said returning means notifying task in accordance with the switching of communication modes by said first switching device[[:]] and

~~process switching means for switching between the first process and the second process in accordance with the switching between communication modes by said first switching means.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first switching ~~means~~ device is operable to switch the communication mode when the apparatus starts a communication with the ~~[[an]]~~ other apparatus by using the communication function.

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the communication function is a wireless communication function.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~first~~ active wireless communication mode is an active mode of Bluetooth specifications and the ~~second~~ power save wireless communication mode is one of a park mode, a sniff mode and a hold mode of the Bluetooth specifications.

8. (Canceled)

9. The apparatus according to claim 1,

~~wherein said second communication mode is a first low power consumption mode for reducing power at a communication unit, and said second state mode is a second low power consumption mode for reducing power at said apparatus;~~

wherein said second process generates said inquiry in a case where said first switching ~~means~~ device switches ~~to the power save wireless communication mode to said first low power consumption mode and said second switching means switches to said first state mode, and does not create said inquiry in a case where said first switching means switches to said first low power consumption mode and said second switching means switches to said second state mode.~~

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising:

~~a judging means for judging~~ device adapted to judge whether switching by said second switching ~~means~~ device is performed in response to switching by said first switching ~~means~~ device,

wherein said ~~process switching means~~ execution task switches between the first and second processes in accordance with a judgement by said judging ~~means~~ device.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an apparatus having a communication function, comprising:

~~a first switching step of switching between first and second communication modes for the communication function~~ a power save wireless communication mode and an active wireless communication mode;

~~a second switching step of switching between first and second state modes~~ a normal stand-by mode and power save stand-by mode of the apparatus in accordance with the switching by said first switching step;

~~a returning step of responding to an inquiry about a state of the apparatus from another apparatus to be connected by the communication function~~ a notifying step for notifying a state of said apparatus to another apparatus in response to an inquiry from the other apparatus; and

an execution step of selectively executing a first process of notifying the inquiry from the ~~[[an]]~~ other apparatus to said ~~returning step~~ notifying step, and a second process of generating an inquiry about the state of the apparatus in place of the inquiry by the [[an]] other apparatus, and notifying the generated inquiry to the ~~returning step~~ notifying step in accordance with the switching of communication modes by said first switching step~~[[;]]~~ and

~~a process switching step of switching between the first process and the second process in accordance with the switching of the communication mode by the first switching step.~~

13. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a program for controlling an apparatus having a communication function, the program comprising:

a first switching step of switching between ~~first and second~~
~~communication modes for the communication function~~ a power save wireless
communication mode and an active wireless communication mode;

a second switching step of switching between ~~first and second state modes~~ a
normal stand-by mode and a power save stand-by mode of the apparatus in accordance
with the switching of the first switching step;

~~a returning step of responding to an inquiry about a state of the apparatus~~
~~from another apparatus to be connected by the communication function~~ a notifying step for
notifying a state of said apparatus to another apparatus in response to an inquiry from the
other apparatus; and

an execution step of selectively executing a first process of notifying the
inquiry from the ~~[[an]]~~other apparatus to said ~~returning step~~ notifying step, and a second
process of generating an inquiry about the state of the apparatus in place of the inquiry by
the [[an]]other apparatus, and notifying the generated inquiry to the ~~returning step~~ notifying
step in accordance with the switching of communication modes by said first switching
step~~[[;]]~~ and

~~a process switching step of switching between the first process and the~~
~~second process in accordance with the switching of the communication mode by the first~~
~~switching step.~~